have since reviewed the position and have permitted the Director of Controlled Commodities to consider, on their merits, the applications from persons or institutions who have already made commitments by way of having imported or purchased machinery, buildings, etc., and have incurred financial liabilities, and to grant permission wherever necessary.

"(c) Under Clause 17 (b) of the Paper Control (Economy) Order, 1945, read with notification of the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, No. 370 P.A. (272)/45, dated 20th December 1945, as subsequently amended, no person shall, except with the permission of the Director of Controlled Commodities, Madras, change from one district to another district the location of a printing press."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, if the reasons for the transfer are considered satisfactory, whether the Director of Controlled Commodities will generally agree to the transfer of the press from one place to another?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"If there is a good case made out, that will be considered."

*Enforcement of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act.*

* 104 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(a) what arrangements have been made to give effect to the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act;

(b) whether the Government have exempted any shop or establishment from all or any of the provisions of the Act;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, what the grounds are for such exemption;

(d) the provision or provisions under which such exemptions have been granted;

(e) whether the shop assistants or the employees in exempted establishments were afforded reasonable opportunities to present their point of view before exemptions were granted; and

(f) whether the proposed intention of the Government to grant exemptions was notified and objections called for before passing final orders?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(a) Officers of the Factories and Labour Departments, District Industries Officers, Commissioners of Municipalities, Executive Authorities of Panchayat Boards, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have been appointed ex-officio Inspectors to see that the provisions of the Act are given effect to. A full time Inspectorate will be set up shortly for this purpose.

"(b) Yes, Sir. Some establishments have been exempted from all the provisions of the Act and some others from specified sections of the Act.

"(c) The exemptions have been granted to avoid inconvenience to the public and in view of the Special nature of certain employments.

"(d) The exemptions have been granted under sections 6 and 32 (3) of the Act.

"(e) No, Sir. The views of the employees were not ascertained but their interests were always kept in view.

"(f) No, Sir. The Act does not require previous publication of proposals for exemption."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that exemptions granted at the request of employers are likely to lead to strikes and other forms of protest by employees, will the Government consider the desirability of affording reasonable opportunity to the employees to present their case before passing orders granting exemption?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Certain establishments like the advocates' chambers, doctors' consulting rooms, and dispensaries and hospitals have been exempted. In cases where exemptions have been granted, the interests of workers have always been kept in view and sufficient safeguards have been taken to see that the interests of workers do not in the least suffer."

*Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee.*

* 105 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have arrived at decisions on the various recommendations of the Rayalaseema Co-operative Enquiry Committee?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) The recommendations of the Committee relating to the financing of agriculturists for long and short terms and the reorganization and supervision of the village primary societies in Rayalaseema are still under the consideration of the Government. As regards the other recommendations, orders have already been issued by the Government."

*Action taken against the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam.*

* 106 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any petitions have been received by the Government alleging mismanagement and misuse of the funds of the Panchayat Board, Buchireddipalayam in Nellore district;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to enquire into those petitions; and

(c) if a report is received, what action the Government propose to take?